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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Animated by an art form

Some are longtime fans, some are newcomers in Japanese-style cartooning club

By Mike Lydick
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Wednesdays after school are a special time for nearly 30 Agawam Junior High School students. That's when they're drawn to an art classroom by their love of anime.

Eighth grader Kristina Piazza was introduced to anime three years ago by her cousin in Korea.

"I didn't understand it at first. When I watched some anime cartoons they didn't look realistic," she said. "Now I really like anime."

Anime is a Japanese art style of animated drawings characterized by colorful graphics, vibrant characters and fantastical themes. Popular in Japan since the late 1940s, anime wasn't available in the U.S. until the mid-'80s.

"It was slow to catch on because these Japanese-style comics are completely different than U.S. com-



Olivia Salva sketches while referring to one of several books of anime drawings available to students. The books were purchased with funds provided by the AJHS PTO.

Kristina Piazza, an eighth grader, adds paint to anime characters drawn on a triptych that's nearing completion. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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PLANTATION MAN

Statue's future still not certain

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Plantation Man's status is up in the air, though there are no fines or other action currently filed against its owner to have the statue moved.

Last month, the giant statue of a white-suited man made its way to Agawam. It used to be located at Mutual Ford in Springfield and was later moved to the Plantation Inn in Chicopee on Burnett Road, near the intersection of Interstates 90 and 291. It was sold at auction in 2013.

According to Mayor Richard Cohen, the statue had been purchased by local business owner Greg Kudlic, who owns the small shopping and restaurant plaza at 485 Springfield St. in Agawam. Headquarters Bar, Kudlic's office, and other small businesses are in the plaza.

It is also the home of Partners Restaurant, which was destroyed in an electrical fire last year. That business has been rebuilt, and Partners is expected to reopen sometime in the next couple of months, Inspection Services Director Eric Wight said.

The Plantation Man statue is well over 30 feet tall and was originally placed in front of the old Napa Auto Parts store in the plaza. That storefront is currently vacant.

According to Cohen, the fire marshal asked Kudlic to move

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rua gains statewide recognition as 'tireless advocate' for education

By Mike Lydick
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Agawam School Committee member Wendy Rua received statewide recognition for her advocacy work just days after being re-elected to a third two-year term.

Rua is one of nine school board members in Massachusetts who received an "All-State

School Committee" award from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on Nov. 6. The awards were presented during a joint conference of MASC and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents in Hyannis on Cape Cod.

The award recognizes her work in bringing more awareness to issues such as school safety, excessive student testing, unfunded

state mandates, and a proposed new state standardized test known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC.

The parent of three young boys who attend Agawam schools began meeting with School Committee members in the region to strategize about these statewide

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Greeting the season



Angela Pettengill arranges a Nativity scene during the annual Holiday Bazaar held Nov. 21 at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Agawam. More photos on page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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AHS Band to host quarter auction

The Agawam High School Band will host its first quarter auction Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the gymnasium at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 7 p.m. The \$5 entry fee includes two paddles

The band will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets, Christmas cookies and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to wear their "ugliest" Christmas sweater for a chance to win a prize.



Above: Mayor Richard Cohen, second from left, serves a chocolate pie to an Agawam Junior High School student during the school's annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Nov. 20. Also serving were, from left, Becky Santaniello, from the mayor's office, and School Committee members Wendy Rua and Shelley Reed. Pies for Thanksgiving were a former tradition at Agawam High School that Food Services Director Joel Illouz has brought back at the seventh and eighth grade level. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Right: Cafeteria worker Ashley Berry shows the Thanksgiving meal that was served in the cafeteria: turkey, green beans, cranberry sauce, an apple and a choice of apple, banana crème, chocolate or pumpkin pie.



Michael Weekes, left, president and CEO of the Providers' Council, presents the Legislator of the Year Award to state Sen. Don Humason during the council's annual Convention and Expo. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Service providers honor Sen. Humason

BOSTON — State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, recently received the Provider Council's 2015 Legislator of the Year Award during the group's annual Convention and Expo.

"I am very humbled and grateful to receive this award from the Providers' Council, and I thank Human Resources Unlimited and the Forum House for nominating me," said Humason. "It has been a privilege to work alongside these organizations and support the quality services they provide in communities across my district."

Humason received the award during the convention's Awards of Excellence. The awards recognize individuals and organizations for the contributions and accomplishments to the human services sector. State Rep. Patricia Haddad, D-Somerset, was also awarded the 2015 Legislator of the Year.

Additionally, 10 awards were given to outstanding volunteers, direct care workers, supervisors, and organizations that have demonstrated exemplary service and contributed to the growth and success of the industry.

The annual event included a keynote speech from Nancy Frates, advocate and activist for ALS

research and mother of Ice Bucket Challenge founder Pete Frates. Gov. Charlie Baker and Marylou Sudders, secretary of the state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, also addressed convention attendees.

The Providers' Council, also known as the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers Inc., is the largest statewide membership association for community-based organizations providing social, rehabilitation, education and health care services.

"As a state senator, I consider myself immensely fortunate to know so many of these providers in my district personally and furthermore to know many of those whom they serve," Humason said. "I am also proud to be a former employee of the Westfield Area Mental Health, where I worked as a crisis and transitional respite counselor."

Humason represents Agawam and 10 other cities and towns in the state Senate. He encourages constituents to contact him at his district office, 64 Noble St., Westfield, MA 01085, 413-568-1366, or his Boston office, State House, Room 213A, Boston, MA 02133, 617-722-1415. His email address is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

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Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home — a people to call family." Worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with a children's message, church school and fellowship and coffee hour following.

All are welcome Sunday, Dec. 6, for Second Sunday in Advent, the Candle of Peace, Family Communion Worship Service, and coffee hour. The "Mitten Tree" is ready donations of hats, mittens, scarves, etc. throughout the month.

Playgroup meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. It follows the Agawam public schools schedule.

Sunday, Dec. 13: Third Sunday in Advent, the Candle of Joy Worship Service, the Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir will ring before church, church school and coffee fellowship hour.

Thursday, Dec. 17: Newsletter collation.

Sunday, Nov 8: Stewardship Sunday Worship Service, Blanket Appeal, church school, coffee fellowship hour.

Saturday, Dec. 19: 7:30 a.m., Men's Ministry meeting at Bobbie J's.

Sunday, Dec. 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent, the Candle of Love Worship Service, Choir Cantata, Mitten Tree dedication, Christmas poinsettias in church, church school and coffee hour. 4:30 p.m., Christmas caroling on the Agawam Town Green with hot chocolate and cookies, sponsored by the Agawam Clergy Association. In case of inclement weather, meet in the church hall.

Monday, Dec. 21: 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

Thursday, Dec. 24: Special Christmas Eve services: 5 p.m., Family Candlelight Service; 11 p.m., Special traditional candlelight service. All are invited.

Friday, Dec. 25: Merry Christmas. Church office closed.

Sunday, Dec. 27: 10 a.m., Worship service, no church school and coffee hour.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

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Silhouette artist to be featured at holiday open house

The historical Captain Charles Leonard House will celebrate the holiday season with a free open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Decked out for the season, the 1805 stage tavern, in the center of the Agawam Center National Register Historic District at 663 Main St., will continue a two-century tradition of hospitality as the house's board of trustees invites area residents to an afternoon of house tours, historic displays and seasonal refreshments.

Silhouette artist Marcella Comerford will return as part of the day's events. Using only her trained artistic eye, delicate scissors and fine black paper, Comerford creates heirloom silhouettes in minutes, without using a shadow or tracing method. She and her mother are two of only about 15 silhouette artists in the United States, and have appeared at events through New England.

Silhouettes are a great way to document family members of every age, and are ideal for holiday gift giving. Silhouettes are \$35 per profile and \$10 for a duplicate copy; frames and mats will also be available for sale that day. A portion of the proceeds of silhouette sales will aid in the preservation of the 200-year old Captain Leonard House. Reservations are suggested and are being taken in 10-minute increments starting at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Walk-ins will be accommodated when possible. Call 413-786-9421 for more information or to reserve a sitting.

A choice selection of china, silver, Christmas items and high-end collectibles from the Captain Leonard House's annual sale



Fine silver and china will be available for purchase during the Captain Charles Leonard House's holiday open house.

Silhouette artist Marcella Comerford will be on location 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

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will be available for purchase, with all proceeds to benefit the operation and preservation of house, considered Agawam's finest Federal-era building, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

The Captain Charles Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to serve travelers on the Hartford-Boston route.

The house was restored in the late 1930s by Minerva Davis, who then established a board of trustees to oversee the operation of the Captain Charles Leonard House as Agawam's Community House, the role it has served since 1939.

The house is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit www.captainleonardhouse.com. It is also on Twitter @leonardhouse and on Facebook.com/captainleonardhouse.

Editor's note: An incorrect date was printed for this event in last week's newspaper. Sunday, Dec. 6, is the correct date.

Santa visit, vendors, raffle at Mill next Saturday

The Mill in Agawam, 168 Elm St., will host Christmas at the Mill from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. The day's events will include photos with Santa, local artisans, vendors and businesses. Refreshments will be available while the sounds of Christmas fill the air.

A "Holly Jolly Raffle" will

take place with prizes, including a day of golf at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course in Feeding Hills donated by the mayor's office.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be used to benefit two local families in need of help this holiday season. All are welcome.

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Police Association to collect for 'Toys for Tots'

The Agawam Police Association will be collecting toys to fill a cruiser for Toys for Tots from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13. The event will take place at Geissler's Supermarket, 830 Suffield St., Agawam.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources — our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

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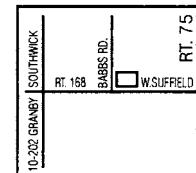
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OUR VIEW

Be thankful for community

They had problems in Plymouth, too. All we remember now is the feast, but the Pilgrims who held that first Thanksgiving were actually giving thanks for their very survival, after half of the original colonists had died within the first year and a half in a strange land, thousands of ocean miles away from the society they knew.

The first national Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, during the midst of a conflict that ripped the United States in half. Remember that the first years of the war went very badly for the Union, and the northern states were riven with internal division, politicians seeking a negotiated peace and draftees rioting to avoid being sent to war. Thanksgiving was an acknowledgement of our very survival, as a country.

Next to building a brand-new society and saving a nation torn by civil war, today's challenges seem less daunting. In America, in Massachusetts and in Agawam, we should give thanks for the peace, prosperity and amity that we enjoy.

Earlier this month, we had an election. There were winners and there were losers. On Wednesday, Nov. 4, several people woke up disappointed, but nobody rioted or barricaded the doors of Town Hall or questioned the legitimacy of the vote.

Yes, we have crime, even in our suburban town. But the vast majority of us respect the law, and we can travel freely around town feeling safe. When crime does strike, we know we can trust the police to do their job professionally and without bias.

Not all of us will live to 100, and there remains room for improvement in healthcare funding and access, but each of us benefits from a world-class medical establishment — from the EMTs who stand ready to rescue us at a moment's notice, to the well-stocked emergency rooms just across the river in Springfield, to the world's top specialists down the road in Boston.

That's not to mention the advantages in education, sanitation and nutrition, among others, that we enjoy as a birthright in suburban New England, USA.

We have so many problems in our town, our state, our nation, but we have so many more reasons to be thankful.

What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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City Council Agenda

7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting — Nov. 16, 2015
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings
- 1. ZC-2015-1 (PH-2015-3)- Petition for Zone Change by Aziz Elias for property located at 1004 Springfield St. from Business A and Agricultural District to Residence A-3 District — Public Hearing Date of Dec. 7, 2015 (Referred to Legislative Committee)

2. TR-2015-48- A Resolution adopting a Residential Factor of 0.827243 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 50, Section 56 (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

J. Old Business

1. TO-2015-74- An order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for The Main Street Still, Inc., 858 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee) (Tabled until 12/21/15 meeting)

2. TO-2015-75- An order granting or renewing a license for an Automatic Amusement Device for Home Plate Sports Bar, LLC, 827 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

3. TO-2015-76- An order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for Home Plate Sports Bar, LLC, 827 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

4. TO-2015-77- An order granting or renewing a license for an Automatic Amusement Device for Ferrentino's Inc. d/b/a Ferrentino's Pizzeria & Pub, 1676 Main St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

5. TO-2015-78- An order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for Ferrentino's Inc. d/b/a Ferrentino's Pizzeria & Pub, 1676 Main St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

6. TO-2015-79- An order granting or renewing a license for an Automatic Amusement Device for Ray-Mor, Inc. d/b/a The Elbow, 386 Walnut St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

7. TO-2015-80- An order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for Ray-Mor, Inc. d/b/a The Elbow, 386 Walnut St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

8. TO-2015-81- An order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Adminis-

trative Committee)

9. TO-2015-82- An order granting or renewing a Class 1 Dealer's license to Sarat Ford Sales, Inc., 221 Springfield St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

10. TO-2015-83- An order granting or renewing a Class 1 Dealer's License to Sarat Ford Sales, Inc., 243-249 Springfield St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

11. TO-2015-84- An order granting or renewing a Class 1 Dealer's License to Sarat Ford Sales, Inc., 250 Springfield St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

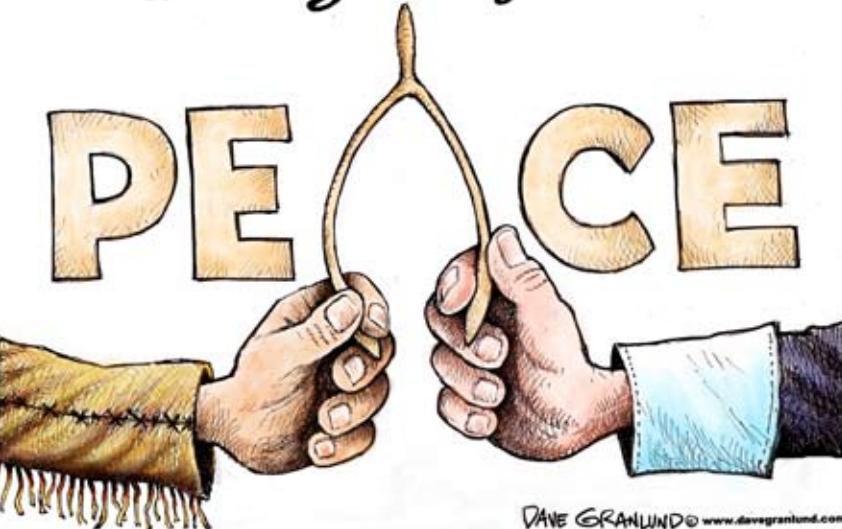
12. TO-2015-85- An order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Balfour Motors, 1801 Main St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

K. New business: Unavailable at press time.

L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.

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Legislature approves veterans' bills

BOSTON — The Massachusetts State Senate passed legislation last week on a number of veterans issues, ranging from the criminalization of fraudulent claims of military service to providing Purple Heart recipients with free access to the state's parks and reservations.

State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, voted in favor of the bills on Nov. 18, as had state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, on Nov. 4. Both legislators represent Agawam.

"I was proud to join my colleagues in the Legislature in taking action to further protect the honor of the men and women of our armed services who have put life and limb on the line and to commemorate those who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Humason. "Massachusetts is first in the nation when it comes to providing benefits for and supporting our veterans and their families, and today we continued that tradition."

Both houses approved the following bills:

* The Stolen Valor Act (H.1641), which criminalizes the practice of falsely representing oneself as military personnel, a veteran or a recipient of specific military honors in

order to receive money, property or a tangible benefit. This crime would be punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than one year.

* An act (H.3243) providing free park access to Purple Heart recipients waives entrance or parking fees at state parks, forests, and reservations for recipients of the Purple Heart. Under current law, only disabled veterans or handicapped persons whose vehicles bear distinctive license plates are allowed free access to these public spaces.

* An act (H.3173) that makes it illegal to remove commemorative flag-holders on the graves of veterans and members of police and fire departments.

Boldyga said the bills "Will help to protect our veterans, both alive and deceased, who have given so much of themselves to ensure we can live our lives in peace and prosperity. As a past recipient of the American Legion's Legislative Award, I have always supported veterans in every way possible. I look forward to continuing to advocate on behalf of our veterans and their families."

The bills have been sent to the governor for approval.

'Singing Christmas tree' set for Dec. 4-13

Bethany Assembly of God's 2015 Singing Christmas Tree Spectacular will be presented eight times over the first two weekends of December, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4; 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5; 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6; and at the same times on the following weekend, Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

This year's program, "The Gift of Christmas" begins with a medley of Christmas carols and hymns, continues with old and new songs tracing the events of the birth of Jesus, and ends with an arrangement of "Joy to the World" and "The Hallelujah Chorus." Bethany's Drama Depart-

ment will portray the Nativity story.

All seats are free, with no individual reserved seating. Pre-arranged seating for larger groups can be arranged by calling the church office at 413-789-2930. A well-staffed nursery for infants is provided for each presentation. Bethany's Deaf Ministry will provide signing for the deaf in all presentations. For more information, visit www.bethany-ag.org.

Bethany Assembly of God is at the corner of Route 57 and Main Street in Agawam.



U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Cody Fitzsimmons of Agawam, center, accepts his certificate of promotion from Capt. John Bannigan, left. Looking on is Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Patrick Sullivan. Submitted photo

Fitzsimmons returns from tour in Navy

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cody Fitzsimmons was welcomed home recently from his tour of duty for the U.S. Navy. Fitzsimmons served on the USS Lake Erie, a guided missile cruiser where he earned two fleet commendation letters from two different Navy captains for outstanding, above and beyond performances.

He has earned the National Defense, Good Conduct, Sharp Shooter, Sea Service and Global War on Terrorism ribbons over the course of four years. His ship was based in Pearl Harbor and San Diego, including an extended deployment to Japan, South Korea and Guam. Throughout his time in

Pearl Harbor, the USS Lake Erie also went on several shorter deployments to conduct missile interception exercises, all in which were successful.

He was participated in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, which is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, during his service in Pearl Harbor. Fitzsimmons received commemorative coins for excellent service from admirals and foreign ambassadors for volunteering for major events in Pearl Harbor.

He is the son of Melinda and John Fitzsimmons of Agawam and is a 2011 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Funeral Nov. 25
Agawam Funeral Home

Lovotti, Carlo L.

Died Nov. 19
Funeral Nov. 24
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home
West Springfield

Sulborski, Chester Jr.

Died Nov. 13
Private funeral
New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC
Springfield

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In a typical week two-thirds of young adults age 18-34 read newspapers in print or online. Especially given the fragmentation of other media, newspaper advertising is the best way for advertisers to reach a critical mass of young people in a market.

Dinner with Friends



Members of the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently served dinner at the Friends of the Homeless in Springfield. This is one of the many community service projects in which the AJWC is involved. Pictured from left to right are Aileen Semarie, Sue Godfrey and Gloria King.

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We all like to feast on carbohydrate-rich or sugary treats during the holiday season. The Dental Studio Associates want to share some quick ways to take care of your teeth, while still enjoying a piece of your Grandma's famous Apple pie. First, avoid sticky foods. Sticky foods, like pecan pie, can take longer to chew and thus stay in your mouth longer, increasing your risk of getting cavities. You may also want to avoid using your teeth for things OTHER than chewing. Do not crack nuts, or open bottles with your teeth. Eating a balanced meal not only helps us feel better but is good for our teeth too! A balanced meal help offset some of the acids that are produced when sugars and bacteria are mixed together in your mouth. Limit snacking because it's not uncommon to spend the entire holiday snacking and mingling with your loved ones. This creates more acid in your mouth leading to increase in cavity risk. Lastly, take your toothbrush with you! If you can't access a toothbrush, rinse your mouth with water after you eat to help remove food debris and acid.

If you take care of your teeth this holiday season, you can have your pie (in moderation), and eat it too. Happy Thanksgiving from The Dental Studio Associates!

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the statue out of the fire lane in front of the building.

Kudlic complied with that order about a month ago, moving it to the corner in front of Headquarters. It occupies a parking spot, which will have to be taken into consideration when Partners reopens, Wight says.

"When Partners is finally able to open, they are allowed to have a certain number of parking spots," said Wight. "So that could become an issue."

Wight says Code Enforcement Officer Michael Theroux has been out to look at the statue in its current location, but it hasn't been determined whether the statue violates any zoning or building codes.

Wight did say Kudlic has requested a copy of the town's sign ordinance, though Wight is not sure the statue qualifies as a sign.

"Right now, we are not actually sure how we would classify it," said Wight. "We are going to have to get more of a legal opinion to find out if it is violating any ordinance."

Wight says he has received some inquiries about the statue's placement, but did not disclose how many or whether they were complaints.

Cohen says the mayor's office has not received any complaints about the statue and he personally does not have an issue with it being at the location.

"I understand the statue has some history," he said. "Mr. Kudlic has complied with the fire marshal's order and the statue is not bothering anyone. It is just standing and waving at drivers as they go by."

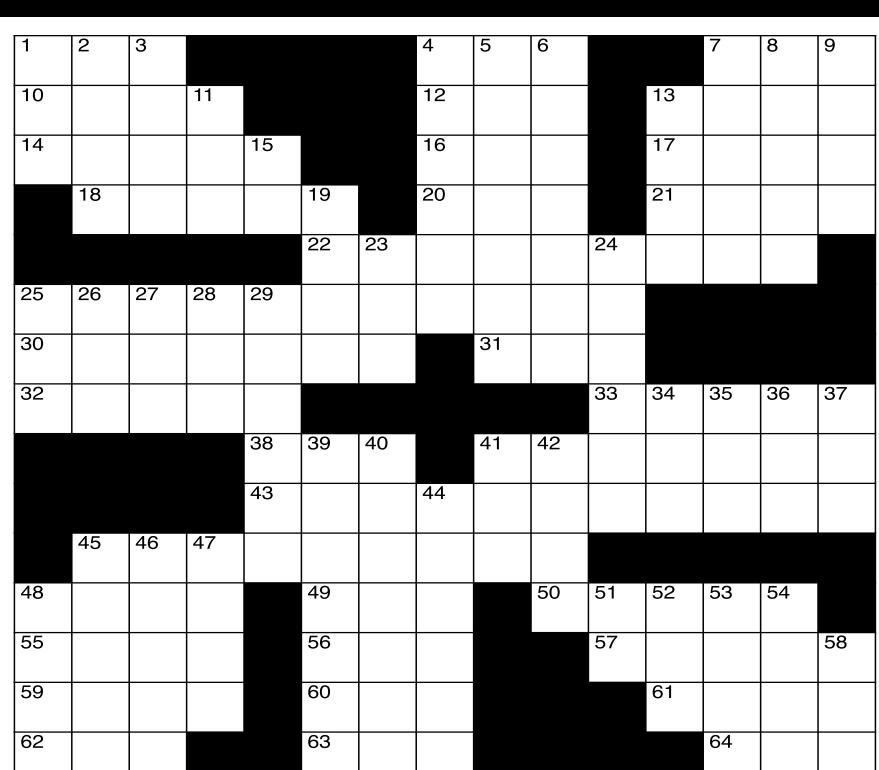
Kudlic was not available for further comment on the statue and its placement in his plaza.

Wight would not comment on how the town would respond if the statue were found to be out of compliance with zoning.



"Plantation Man," a longtime fixture along the Massachusetts Turnpike in Chicopee, now stands guard over a shopping plaza in Agawam.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. And so forth (abbr.)
4. Used to be United
7. Upper left keyboard key
10. Invitable ruin
12. Consumed
13. N.H. Maine river
14. Sen. Thurmond
16. More (Spanish)
17. Oh, God!
18. Designed chairs
20. Insect living in organized colonies
21. Anglo-Saxon theologian, c.700
22. Ecclesiastics
25. Magic incantation
30. Swan Lake and Don Quixote
31. Affirmative
32. Conspiracy
33. Citizen of Stockholm
38. Light brown

CLUES DOWN

1. Murrow, Sullivan & Koch
43. Sonny & Cher classic
45. Chopped mixture for stuffing
48. Am. Nobel physicist Isodor
49. Maya ___ of Vietnam Veterans Memorial
50. Expressed pleasure
55. In bed
56. Finnish
57. Canacol Energy stock symbol
59. Leather strap for hawks
60. UA fraternity est. 3-9-1856
61. Low, sideless cart
62. They ___
63. Single Lens Reflex
64. Point that is midway between N and NE
29. Early culture of Gr. Britain
34. Worldwide internet
35. 7th Greek letter
36. When born (abbr.)
37. Before
39. Existing forever
40. About name
41. Myanmar monetary unit
42. Island north of Guam
44. Soft
45. ___ Castell, makers of pens
46. Excessively fat
47. Eliminates
48. A Hindu prince or king in India
51. Carrier's invention
52. Possessed
53. Deserve through action
54. Doyen
58. A way to change color

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issues. As Rua became more active in MASC, it made her an even more effective advocate for public education in her town.

Soon, she was regularly traveling to meetings in Marlborough as a member of several MASC committees, including one dedicated to reviewing legislation related to school committees. This October, Rua was elected to the MASC Board of Directors as a vice chair representing 45 local school boards in the Connecticut River Valley region.

Familiar face on Beacon Hill

Meeting regularly with Agawam's delegation to the Statehouse, state Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, Rua became a familiar face on Beacon Hill. During the past three years, she also has lobbied lawmakers during MASC's annual Day on the Hill.

Boldyga said Rua is very knowledgeable about PARCC and the amount of testing students must endure. He said she's increased awareness among lawmakers about education issues.

"Wendy raised some interesting issues when we spoke about PARCC, unfunded mandates, and school safety," he said. Humason said Rua is an involved parent and a dedicated School Committee member — both of which give her "strong standing as a voice of concern" about PARCC and other issues.

In addition to meeting with him and other legislators at the State House, Rua has met with Humason in his district about "the dangers and negative fiscal consequences" of unfunded state mandates. Rua even gave Humason a comprehensive list of mandates he refers to frequently.

"Wendy's competence, knowledge, approachability, and friendly manner make her extremely effective," Humason said. "I'm always happy to listen to what she has to say. She knows that my door and my phone are always open."

Award for the 'home team'

Each year, one school committee member from each of MASC's nine regions is recognized for his or her contributions.

"To be acknowledged by peers — whom I hold in great esteem — makes this award even more meaningful," said Rua.

She was honored and surprised to receive the award for her "home team" committee in Agawam that had nominated her. Rua is only the second committee member from Agawam to receive this annual award, which has been given since 1996. Former member Susan Pettazzoni was honored in 2005.

Jake Oliveira, president-elect of MASC and a Ludlow School Committee member, called Rua a "tireless advocate" for students in Agawam and across Massachusetts who helps "drive the agenda" for public education.

Current MASC President Patrick Francomano added that the award is MASC's opportunity to recognize members like Rua who give "tirelessly and unselfishly" not only to their communities, but also to the field of public education.

"High-quality public education is a reality because of the extraordinary efforts of Wendy and her peers. We're proud and quite fortunate to have Wendy as a colleague," said the Plainville School Committee member.



Patrick Francomano, president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, presents **Agawam School Committee member Wendy Rua** with the association's "All-State School Committee" award on Nov. 6 in Hyannis.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

MASC Executive Director Glenn Koocher said Rua was selected for her active participation in MASC's public policy agenda as well as her role as a children's advocate on the Agawam committee. Rua serves on the MASC Resolutions Committee that has focused on establishing and funding a children's services safety net for low-income, socially and economically vulnerable young people, and for charter school finance reform.

Different districts, similar issues

Rua said one of the most important aspects of her MASC involvement is discussing relevant issues with committee members from other districts. She said that has been "invaluable" in helping her gain perspective on issues and learn how different districts approach similar issues.

Committee members from across Massachusetts have helped to educate Rua about issues she advocates for locally and statewide on behalf of Agawam students and parents.

"I've learned much from listening to other committee members," she said.

Rua's research about the differences and consequences of the proposed replacement for MCAS, for example, benefited Agawam's School Committee when it decided against adopting PARCC.

She also pressed for community forums that gave parents more information about the Common Core curriculum.

"Agawam was ahead of the curve in hosting these opportunities for dialogue and sharing about this curriculum," she said.

Rua has been a voice for public schools ever since she was a leader in the Granger PTO.

"I wear many hats, but the one I'm most proud of is School Committee member," she said. "It affords me the opportunity to advocate for what I believe is the right to public education, safe schools, less testing/more learning, and local control over the future of our schools."

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 243 calls for service from Nov. 17 to Nov. 22. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Nov. 20

Mark Bocchino, 45, of 1545 Pleasant St., South Lee, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, possession of an open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, and disorderly conduct.

Greg H. Fortier, 61, of 65 Shibley Court, Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery and possession of large capacity firearm in felony.

FIRE LOG

Fire logs for Nov. 4 through 24 were not received by press time. They will be printed in a future edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Aziz Elias and R. Levesque Associates, Inc. on behalf of Ellsworth W. Smith, of Feeding Hills MA. for a proposed Zone Change Plan for 1004 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. (Parcel ID# F10 6 18) The Zone Change request is to change the parcel from Agricultural and Business A to Residence A-3 in its entirety. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
City Council President
11/19/15

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AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

November 12, 2015
Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Steve Deland-Shibley Court, who is seeking a Variance in accordance with Section 180-7 (C) to allow for the construction of an apartment unit at the premises identified as 33 Norman Terrace, also known as Shibley Court.

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Fire Dept. mustache judging Monday night

A panel of independent judges will determine who has the best mustache on Monday, Nov. 30, as part of a "No Shave November" contest among members of the Agawam Fire Department.

Judges for this year's competition will include Steve Nagle, morning radio personality; Jay Cole, founder of the Western Massachusetts Whisker Society; and Sean Skapars, owner of Boston Beard Works. Judging will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at Murphy's Pub at 664 Suffield St., Agawam.

The competition, now in its second year, benefits the American Cancer Society. To make a donation, visit www.no-shave.org/team/agawamfire or attend the night of the judging. Last year, over \$3,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

'Caroling on the Green' Dec. 20

The Agawam Clergy Association will host "Christmas Caroling on the Green" at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20. All are invited to Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, for the lighting of the Christmas tree, singing of Christmas carols followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the Agawam Congregational Church hall at 745 Main St.

Agawam High '80, '90 reunions this weekend

Two Agawam High School classes will hold reunions on Thanksgiving weekend.

The Class of 1990 will hold its 25-year reunion at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Crestview Country Club. For more information and tickets, contact Jennifer at 413-297-9968 or email agawamhighschool1990@yahoo.com. Information can also be found online at Classmates.com and the Facebook.com page "Agawam High School Class of 1990."

The Class of 1980 will host its 35th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Oak Ridge Country Club, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person. Checks may be mailed to AHS Class of 1980, P.O. Box 163, Agawam, MA 01001, by Nov. 14. For more information, email ahsclassof1980reunion@gmail.com.

Fuel assistance available

Applications for Massachusetts residents seeking financial assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the 2015-16 heating season are being taken through April 30. Any resident who may need assistance during the upcoming winter under this program must apply during this time period to qualify. Homeowners and renters, including those with heat included in their rent, can apply.

"We encourage customers needing assistance to act now and call or visit their local fuel assistance office to apply," said Steve Bryant, president of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts. "If customers are having difficulty paying their natural gas bills, we encourage them to contact Columbia Gas as soon as possible at 800-882-5454. There are payment plans and options available to assist with winter heating bills."

Columbia Gas residential customers receiving public assistance benefits may also qualify for the discounted Low Income Gas Rate, the Residential Arrearage Management Program, which is designed to eliminate past due balances, and no-cost energy efficiency improvements. For customers who may be just over the income guidelines for fuel assistance, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund may provide financial assistance.

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These seven Agawam Cub Scouts from Den 2, Pack 77, recently received Purple Heart Sponsor and Wreaths Across America pins from local veteran Gary Janulewicz. The Wolf Scouts, all second graders, raised nearly \$200 by collecting and recycling bottles and cans one Saturday morning. That's double their original goal \$100 to sponsor a Purple Heart sign on Main Street in Agawam to honor veterans. Pictured with Janulewicz are, from left, Timothy Rua, Anthony Norman, Casey Thomas (back row), Nicholas Frisino, Austin LeBlanc and Tyler Gervais (front row). TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Children's holiday programs at Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will host a series of holiday-themed story times starting the week of Dec. 14. There will be multiple sessions of the program designed for children ages 3 to 5 and a separate program for children age 3 and younger.

"Holiday Time" is for children 3 to 5 years old. Participants will read a fun holiday-themed book and make a craft based on what they read. There will be multiple sessions of this program starting Tuesday, Dec. 15.

For the younger group, there will be "Toddler Holiday Time." During this time, children 3 and younger can read a holiday book and make a craft designed just for them. "Toddler Holiday Time" will be offered Monday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required for both programs. To register, visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Those interested are asked to register for only one session. For more information, call the Children's Room at 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses/Informational Sessions/Discovery Days: Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check each college website for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event.

Special interest programs

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay

a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

Elms College will host STEM Day on Saturday, Dec. 5. The theme is "The Science and Technology of What We Eat." The program will include workshops taught by faculty in biotechnology and GM foods, chemistry of combustion, mathematical modeling, computer programming, physiology of taste, and macromolecules. For more details and to register for the STEM Day, visit www.elms.edu/calendar/events/home-events/stem-day-12-5-15.

Attention sophomores, juniors and seniors: The ASVAB test is coming to Agawam High School on Dec. 8. The ASVAB Career Exploration Platform is a comprehensive career-planning program that includes a multiple aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help you explore the opportunities awaiting you. Students will be able to identify, understand and organize information about their skills, interests and work-related values; identify suitable occupations to investigate and pursue based on their own skills, interests, and values; and use career information resources to further explore these occupations. See the Counseling Center for details.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineer-

ing Technology Associate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more information.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: The Phillips Scholarship Fund; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; The Young Entrepreneur Foundation; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Ronald McDonald House Charities; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

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School Lunch

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The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

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Monday, Nov. 30: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, potato rounds, carrot sticks, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Hamburger on a whole-wheat bun, steamed broccoli, potato wedges, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Ziti with meat sauce, whole-wheat breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Half day. No lunch.

Friday, Dec. 4: Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Nov. 30: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Friday, Dec. 4: Pillsbury mini chocolate chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

Mr. Gutter



GUTTERS

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ics," said AJHS art teacher Jennifer Bonavita, who has served as the club's faculty advisor for the past two years. She took over facilitating the club after the retirement of art teacher Andrew Kraus, who started it three years ago.

There are no prerequisites to join the club and students aren't required to attend consistently. Bonavita said the club is a "judgment-free zone" that welcomes all seventh and eighth graders, regardless of their artistic ability: "All that's necessary is the love for art."

High-quality drawing paper, pencils, and drawing boards are available for students to use, along with beanbag chairs to sit in. She also allows students to listen to their music using earbuds, so they can enjoy their own style of music while drawing.

Magic and power of anime

Eighth grader Mikayla Sole is very much into anime. "It's magical," she said while sketching characters on the canvas of a large three-panel anime painting, known as a triptych.

Sole is among numerous students who have contributed their drawing and

painting skills to this artwork. Started last school year, the painting is almost complete. It will be hung in Bonavita's classroom where the club meets.

"I like the fantasy element of anime that's not typical of Western art," said Sole. She added that there are many genres of anime, including a girl power theme that depicts strong female characters: "That's very inspiring to me."

Matthew Paye doesn't know anything about anime, but he heard so much talk about the club that in mid-November he finally decided to give it a try.

"It's pretty cool — I can be as abstract and as creative as I want," said the seventh grader as he sketched using a "How to Draw Anime" book for inspiration. "I want to learn how to draw better anime. I don't draw very well, so I hope this club will improve my art skills."

Bonavita said she's purchased several anime books to help students like Paye. The books, funded by the junior high PTO, help students learn independently with step-by-step images.

"If they need or want me to show them how to get started with drawing guide shapes and guidelines of certain characters, I'm there to help," added Bonavita. She said most students like the challenge



Eighth grader Mikayla Sole sketches characters for a large three-panel anime painting. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

of working on their own while using the books as a resource. They also can use their electronic devices to look up and share images of anime while drawing.

Julia Hampton said the Anime Club also shows students some of the artistic techniques used by other countries. Pi-azza added that the club is an opportunity to learn about culture in other parts of the world.

Hampton said there's lots of emotional themes in anime, such as love and romance.

"That's one of the things that makes anime quite beautiful and cool to look at," said the seventh grader.

Drawing and social skills

Although Bonavita has begun to introduce students to painting, the primary focus is on drawing. She said all art — from a preliminary sketch in preparation for something more detailed like a portrait or painting to a 2-D design preceding a 3-D sculpture — begins with drawing.

"The anime characters these students create allow them to become comfortable with using guidelines and guide shapes to lay the groundwork," said Bonavita. "At the same time, they're building their imagination and observation skills."

Bonavita said one of the reasons the club — recently approved as an official extracurricular activity by the School Committee — is so popular is because students have the opportunity to get together with others who enjoy anime as much as they do.

"It's as much a social club as an anime club," she said.



Jennifer Bonavita, an AJHS art teacher who facilitates the Anime Club, checks on the progress of seventh grader Mia Baginski.

The club enhances students' social skills as they develop relationships through the club while simultaneously learning some of the practical fundamentals of art. Bonavita added that some students have yet to take an art class this school year or may not take one at all.

"Many students come to the club simply to come into the art room and enjoy an art experience with others," she said.

Said seventh grader Olivia Salva: "It's just fun to do — even if you aren't the best at art. It's still art — but it's the type of art that pretty much anyone can do and enjoy."



Seventh grader Cristina Ferraro uses her electronic device to look up images of anime to use for reference when drawing.

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Jewelry vendors Jo Anne Hagen, left, and Phyl O'Connor show off their jewelry for sale.



Members of the St. John's Women's Guild work one of the craft booths.

St. John's ready for the holidays



Jane Tevethan checks out a book for sale.

The St. John the Evangelist Parish kicked off the Christmas season with its annual Holiday Bazaar held last Saturday in the church's parish center. It including many gifts and baked goods for sale, as well as raffle prizes.

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Carol Hager checks out some jewelry.



Gail Stone gets some ribbons for sale.



Audrey Devano checks out what is for sale.



The holiday wreath has been chosen by Paul Nadeau.



Barbara Vivenzio arranges her vendor booth.



Helen Light turns the raffle tumbler.

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GIRLS LACROSSE



Above: Senior Katie Martin with (l-r) Sandy and her father, Mike Martin, girls lacrosse coach Carla Warner, and Martin's mother, Kara Murray. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Right: Katie Martin signs her letter of intent to play lacrosse at Old Dominion.

Senior taking talents to Virginia school

Martin signs with ODU

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Last Wednesday afternoon, Agawam two-sport athlete Katie Martin signed her letter of intent to attend Old Dominion in Virginia Beach.

She has been recruited to help further develop their women's lacrosse team, which has struggled in recent years.

Martin comes to the team as a major utility player that will likely be utilized to anchor Old Domin-

ion's defense, but Martin will provide her new team with the ability to score on the other side of the field.

"She's definitely a versatile player," her high school coach Carla Warner said. "I can really put her wherever I need her. She's usually a midfielder because of her ability to get up and down the field."

Martin said her interactions with her future college coach indicate she may play midfield or defense next year.

Martin has been one of Agawam's top scorers, including this year, as she led the team with an impressive 85 goals and 26 assists for 111 total points. In her career, she has 136 goals and 39 assists.

Agawam has always had a core of talented scorers in girls lacrosse. Martin started to break into that group as a sophomore, scoring 49 goals. She pushed into the limelight last year with 85 goals, and still has her senior year

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BASKETBALL

Brownies down Orioles in Whips opener

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Last season, the Agawam girls basketball team had its share of struggles while Belchertown won the Western Massachusetts Division 2 Championship.

But the roles were reversed for just one night as Agawam handily defeated Belchertown in the opening game of the 28th Annual Whip's Sporting Goods High School Girls Basketball Tip-Off Classic held at the West Springfield Boys & Girls Club.

In Agawam's 45-25 victory over Belchertown, the Brownies were finally able to take advantage with a group of players that



Agawam's Jess Lingenberg sets to make a pass to her right. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Bard helps make Babson school history

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Babson College women's soccer team received a berth to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history.

Helping anchor the Babson defense over the past two years is 2012 Agawam graduate Leisl Bard, who also spent three years leading the Brownies defense to playoff appearances, including a semifinal matchup in 2011.

The Beavers made it to their conference championship this year, going toe-to-toe with rival Springfield College. The teams battled for two halves and overtime, but both teams were knotted 1-1. Babson was then defeated for the title in the penalty kick phase.

Despite the conference title

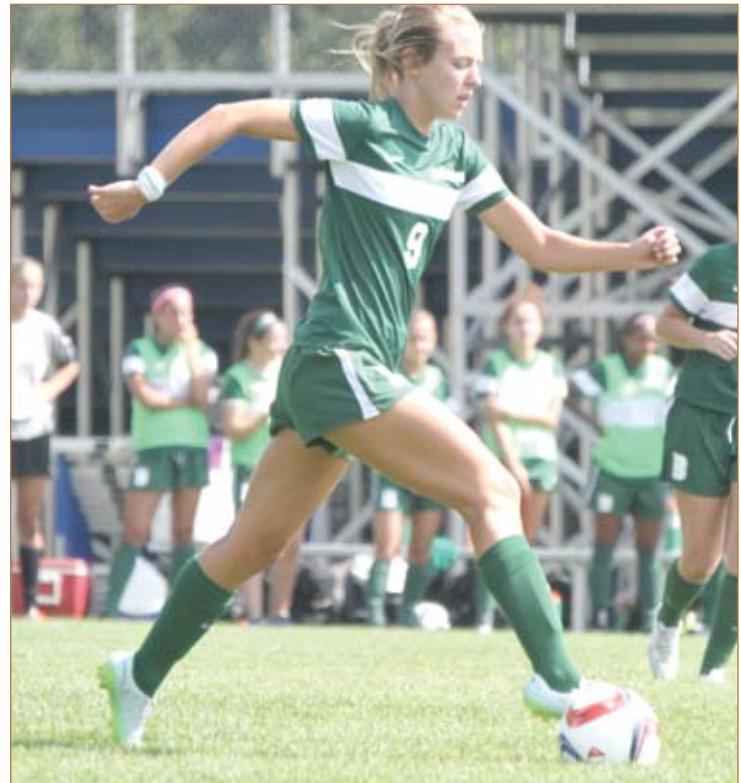
loss, Babson received an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"After losing in PK's, we were crushed and broken," said Bard. "It seemed as though all of our hard work had been for nothing. It was hard to understand at first, but we achieved something so much bigger (getting into the NCAA tournament)."

Bard said her conference does not get as much respect from the NCAA, and so winning the conference has typically been the only way to get into the tournament until this year.

"This season we changed that," said Bard. "We proved that we didn't need the title to get into the tournament. We beat teams that no one thought we had a chance against."

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Leisl Bard, shown here in a Sept. 19 game at Mount Holyoke College, was part of the first women's soccer team in Babson College history to reach the NCAA Tournament. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

CROSS COUNTRY

Dustin places third at States

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – One year after her sister, Megan Dustin, placed second in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 cross country meet, Erin Dustin burst into the scene and made an impact of her own.

Dustin placed third in Western Massachusetts and then had the rare opportunity to repeat her performance in the state championship.

Dustin is a freshman this year, and sought to make the same impact her sister did.

Erin Dustin won five different meets this year. She won meets against Holyoke, West Springfield, Belchertown, South Hadley,

and took first place in the dual meet with Gateway and Westfield, showing she was for real.

Though Agawam went 4-2 as a team, Dustin kept her team in every meet with her first-place finish.

While she showed great improvement toward the end of the season, her times this year were pretty consistent, ranging from 20:20 to 20:54. Her best time, however, came in the PVIAC meet at Stanley Park in Westfield, where she had a time of 19:25.

A couple of weeks later, Dustin was again set to compete at Stanley Park.

This time, we went up against the best in Division I and came

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Sports



Allison Wheeler starts the offense for Agawam.
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Cara McKenzie looks for an open teammate.

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are a year more experienced and ready to make a run at the tournament.

Agawam will have a lineup that includes Bianca Culhane, Samantha Stratton, Meghan D'Amours, Jess Lingenberg, Christie Mirski and Allison Wheeler. All have varsity experience and all decided to take part in the preseason tournament.

Wheeler has brought back her intense playmaking work ethic, and helped guide the offense to a 40-plus performance.

The Brownies did show some shooting rust, but were able to overcome that after the first quarter.

Lingenberg had a good opening to the game, nailing down three baskets. She combined with a pair of free throw from Mirski and a score from Madison Lockwood to give the Brownies a 10-6 lead over the Orioles.

The rest of the lineup got going in the second quarter, more than doubling up on the Orioles. D'Amours got in on the scoring with seven points in the frame while Mirski also contributed a couple of baskets.

Kayla Henry had three points for the Orioles in the second quarter, but Belchertown was trailing 23-11 at halftime.

In the second half, Agawam continued to pour on the pressure. D'Amours would bring in an offensive rebound and score from short range to give Agawam a 36-20

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coming up this spring.

Martin also plays defense for the girls soccer team, which has reached tournament in each of the past three years.

She said her decision to attend Old Dominion was based on seeking a warmer climate, and a chance visit she had after her sophomore year.

"I was down at a wedding in Virginia and I decided to take a visit," she said. "They have a very modern looking campus. I was looking for a place like that. I also wanted to go to a big school."

Martin is the second Division I-commit in the past few years for girls lacrosse. Riley Hellstein also attends a Division I program, Agawam Athletic Director David Stratton said.

Stratton, who arranged Martin's letter signing ceremony, said the senior deserved

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out with a third-place finish, finishing the race in 19:37. She was unable to keep up with Amherst's Sophia Jacobs-Townsley, who set the pace at 18:54. Erica Dean from Northampton was second at 19:32.

While Agawam finished 12th as a team at Western Mass., Dustin got the opportunity to go to the state meet as an individual.

She, like the rest of her Western Mass. competition, was unable to compete with the running prowess of the other side of the state.

Ariel Keklak of Lincoln-Sudbury won the state title with an amazing time of 17:25.

Dustin had her most difficult meet at Stanley Park, finishing in 20:09. She was 93rd overall.

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lead, and Mirski followed that with a layup to increase the lead.

Resting their starters in the fourth quarter, Belchertown was able to pick up some points as well as create some good opportunities with several blocked shots on defense.

Belchertown's coach, Ed Medina, said it was the first time on the court at all for many of his players, but says the tournament is a good way to get the players thinking about basketball.

"It gives them a chance to get together and they can really start building the foundation for their upcoming season," said Medina.

Tom Lingenberg took on the coaching duties for Agawam, which moved on to the quarterfinals against Longmeadow.

"We were a bit rusty early in the game," he said. "But that's to be expected. They really came together as the game went on. They are all a year older and they have been playing together for a while."

Jess Lingenberg led Agawam with 12 points. D'Amours finished with 11 and Mirski had eight points.

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to be recruited.

"She's a really good kid," said Stratton. "She works hard and does well in school. I can't say much more."

Martin said she has worked hard in high school to maintain good grades and practice at lacrosse. The letter signing last week was the culmination of her diligence.

"It's really nice to see my hard work paying off," she said.

She also said she drew inspiration from her stepsister, a former Agawam student 10 years ago who set scoring records at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

Martin says she hopes to major in sports management or communications in college. She is looking forward to helping make the Old Dominion program more competitive.

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But with an incredible freshman year to get her career off to a good start, Dustin has a chance to have a phenomenal career and win a sectional title as an individual.

Northampton won the Western Mass. title this year, with Amherst second and Westfield in third. The Brownies finished 12th with 307 points.

The boys cross country team captured 11th place in the Western Mass. championship meet. The Brownies did not place anyone in the top 25 to qualify for the state race.

Agawam's top finisher was Jason Beaver, a freshman. He finished 28th with a time of 17:24.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball All-Stars announced

HOLYoke - The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is proud to announce the fourth Annual Spalding Western Massachusetts Girls High School Volleyball All-Star Teams and Game.

The 28 players selected for first team honors are from 14 high schools throughout Western Massachusetts. Thirty additional players were selected for second team honors. All players were invited to play in the Spalding All-Star Game.

Junior setter Nina Dias was named to the First Team, and senior Mia Jeronimo was named to the Second Team.

"The Hall of Fame celebrates the very best in the world of volleyball," said IVHF

Executive Director George Mulry. "We are always excited when we can celebrate and recognize the best volleyball athletes from our local community and the sports birthplace."

Selected players were chosen by a committee consisting of local coaches, officials, and the media. Players from Frontier led all honors having four players named first team all-stars followed by Longmeadow, Minnechaug and West Springfield with three first team selections.

The Spalding All-Star Game is supported by Whip's Sporting Goods and Pioneer Valley Juniors.

Volleyball All-Stars rosters

First Team

Meg Adams	H	2017	Ware
Clare Basler-Chang	H	2018	Amherst
Stephanie Chapin	MB	2016	Minnechaug
Rachael Cialek	H	2016	Frontier
Sarah Conlisk	MB	2016	Frontier
Alexis Corcoran	H	2016	Chicopee
Brittney Cunningham	S	2017	Longmeadow
Meghan D'Amours	H	2016	Agawam
Angela Davis	MB	2016	Central
Nina Dias	S	2017	Ludlow
Val Donskaya	MB	2017	West Springfield
Katie Gagnon	S	2016	Minnechaug
Nina Hayes	H	2017	Amherst
Sara LaFrierere	MB	2016	Wahconah
Zoe Lipkens	H	2016	Minnechaug
Caroline McCoy	H	2016	Longmeadow
Cara McKenzie	MB	2017	Belchertown
Ayanna Meadows	H	2017	Chicopee
Kayla Mokwua	H	2018	Longmeadow
Gillian Pirnie	H	2016	West Springfield
Remi Quesnelle	H	2016	Frontier
Sadie Simons	H	2016	Ware
Rudi Spano	S	2016	West Springfield
Shenna Tyler	H	2017	Lee
Kendra Williams	S	2017	Lee
Hope Willis	H	2017	Mt. Greylock
Sarah Woodford	L	2017	Belchertown
Emily Woodward	S	2016	Frontier

Second Team All-Stars

Markina Ako-Brew	L	2017	Sabis
Dagny Albano	S	2017	Mt. Greylock
Natasha Belardo	H	2016	Holyoke
Kayla Calaf	MB	2016	Chicopee
MacKenzie Chaban	H	2017	Westfield
Katherine Conlisk	H	2016	Frontier
Sara Corey	L	2016	Frontier
Michaela Cronin	MB	2017	Minnechaug
Maddy Dentzan	L	2016	Easthampton
Sienna Dillensneider	S	2018	Turners Falls
Sonya Donskaya	L	2016	Longmeadow
Nahyska Dumey	S	2016	Renaissance
Julia Fleury	H	2016	West Springfield
Meg Giordano	H	2018	Minnechaug
Gerlitz Hernandez	H	2017	Commerce
Caroline Hitchcock	MB	2017	Agawam
Kathy Jaracz	H	2017	Chicopee Comp
Mia Jeronimo	MB	2016	Ludlow
Kelsey Johnstone	S	2016	Westfield
Kayla Krom	H	2017	Mt. Everett
Sophia LaRoche	H	2016	Athol
Cassidy Miliken	S	2017	Agawam
Abbie Mokwua	MB	2017	Longmeadow
Teya Nolan	S	2018	Amherst
Hope Parker	H	2017	Athol
Courtney Picard	H	2016	Lee
Megan Rice	H	2017	Amherst
Quinn Roche	MB	2018	Belchertown
Zoe Tatro	H	2017	Minnechaug
Kiana Turner	H	2018	South Hadley

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Babson had been ranked fourth in regional rankings and fifth in NCAA rankings for a few weeks prior to the playoffs.

"As a team, our dedication to each other and to the sport showed with getting the bid," said Bard. "Being a senior, it meant that our season meant something more than we knew it would. People had finally put Babson on their radars and all that credit goes to each and every girl on the team this year and every year passed."

She said the experience of playing in an NCAA game was indescribable.

"Getting to travel and actually play in the NCAAs was just beyond a feeling I had ever had," she said. "The atmosphere was extremely exciting, never mind that fact that we were going to face the defending national champion! It was the most invigo-

rating game to play. We battled them hard and unfortunately they scored a world class goal that made the difference. We proved to the league, to the NCAAs, and to ourselves that we could play with anyone. That feeling and that understanding will carry this program into the future."

Bard led a defense this year that did not allow many goals. Babson went 14-4-5 this year. The Bard-led defense along with goalie Elizabeth McCook only allowed 13 goals in 23 games, a little more than half a goal a game.

Bard will graduate this year with a business degree with a concentration in accounting. She has already secured a full-time job after college. She does plan to continue playing soccer in some capacity after college.

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Agawam-West Side Over The Years

1924	6-0 Agawam
1925	20-6 Agawam
1926	7-0 Agawam
1927	25-0 Agawam
1928	30-6 Agawam
1929	6-0 West Side
1930	7-6 Agawam
1931	34-0 Agawam
1932	19-13 Agawam
1933	0-0 Tie
1934	7-0 Agawam
1935	34-6 Agawam
1936	33-6 Agawam
1937	6-0 Agawam
1938	7-0 West Side
1939	7-0 Agawam
1940	27-0 Agawam
1941	13-7 West Side
1942	14-13 Agawam
1943	7-7 Tie
1944	13-0 Agawam
1945	65-0 Agawam
1946	26-0 Agawam
1947	13-7 Agawam
1948	18-14 West Side
1949	No game
1950	20-12 Agawam
1951	34-21 Agawam
1952	13-7 West Side
1953	34-21 Agawam
1954	19-12 Agawam
1955	33-7 West Side
1956	28-13 West Side
1957	54-0 Agawam
1958	8-0 West Side
1959	41-0 Agawam
1960	48-8 West Side
1961	12-8 West Side
1962	26-12 West Side
1963	22-2 Agawam
1964	34-8 Agawam
1965	32-8 Agawam
1966	24-0 Agawam
1967	20-6 Agawam
1968	14-6 Agawam
1969	30-28 Agawam
1970	32-6 Agawam
1971	28-8 Agawam
1972	13-12 Agawam
1973	14-14 Tie
1974	16-6 West Side
1975	15-2 Agawam
1976	15-14 Agawam
1977	28-8 West Side
1978	42-6 Agawam
1979	42-15 West Side
1980	26-0 West Side
1981	13-6 Agawam
1982	20-3 West Side
1983	18-7 Agawam
1984	23-6 Agawam
1985	15-12 Agawam
1986	21-0 Agawam
1987	48-6 Agawam
1988	22-21 West Side
1989	12-7 West Side
1990	16-8 West Side
1991	14-0 West Side
1992	14-7 Agawam
1993	22-0 Agawam
1994	14-6 West Side
1995	7-6 West Side
1996	29-21 Agawam
1997	27-8 Agawam
1998	21-14 Agawam
1999	27-6 Agawam
2000	17-14 West Side
2001	14-6 Agawam
2002	26-0 Agawam
2003	30-8 Agawam
2004	42-6 Agawam
2005	18-12 Agawam
2006	20-12 (OT) Agawam
2007	34-27 Agawam
2008	39-0 West Side
2009	32-20 West Side
2010	20-0 West Side
2011	17-14 West Side
2012	50-36 Agawam
2013	19-18 Agawam
2014	38-36 (OT) Agawam

Agawam 2015 football roster

NAME	GRADE	NUMBER
Benjamin King	12	1
Evan Reardon	12	2
Michael Reardon	10	3
Kyle Paynter	12	4
Marcus Williams	12	5
Jacob Root	12	7
Alan Burlachenko	12	8
Timothy Paltz	11	9
Troy Gallerani	12	10
Jimmy Adams	12	11
Ryan White	10	12
Michael Basile	11	19
Anthony Adams	10	20
Nicholas Scuderi	12	21
Christopher Morassi	11	22
Max Molta	12	23
Collin Pelchat	10	27
Ajon Salvas	10	35
Bryce Velozo	10	38
Spencer Kozlak	11	40
Marino Cipriani	12	41
Dominic Grassetti	12	44
Francis Cipriani	11	45
Joseph Oliver	10	47
Mathew O'Keefe	10	50
Derek Lafreniere	10	52
David Rodriguez	12	53
Eric Matland	12	54
Christophori Dowd	12	55
Nicholas Sampson	12	56
Joseph Stevens	10	60
Nathaniel Grondin	10	61
Eathan Brooks	11	64
Jack Pouliot	11	66
Matthew Dube	10	69
Zachary Hodges	11	71
Joshua Gillman	10	76
Zachary Williams	10	77
Cody Baker	12	78
Aidan Page	10	80
Joseph Moccio	12	81
Jason Couture	10	85
Reuben Thomas	10	86
Rodney Sanders Jr	10	87
Tristin Romano	12	88

West Springfield roster

NAME	GRADE	NUMBER
Kyle Beane	11	1
Zachary Baker	12	5
Dylan Reardon	12	8
Anthony Costa	12	10
Daniel Callahan	12	11
Tyler Rochefort	10	12
Leeony Tessier	10	14
Jack LaBranche	11	15
Kyle Cerez	10	16
Dylan Paige	9	17
Dakotah Moynihan	9	20
Jay Mitchell	10	21
William McQuade	11	22
Jose Rodriguez	10	R23
Dailen Hicks	10	24
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Friday, Nov. 27

THE OLD DEERFIELD CRAFT FAIR today noon to 6 p.m.; tomorrow 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Better Living Center on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Admission, \$8; \$1 for kids 6-12. Discount coupon at www.deerfield-craft.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

THE AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM'S Parent Café 3, 9:30-11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church; 6:30-8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. A presentation on "Holiday Happiness Tips." Offers participants ways to enjoy the holidays and not just survive them, and how to make them a holiday tradition, not the least favorite holiday obligation. Registration not required. Free coffee, tea and refreshments provided.

Thursday, Nov. 26

THE ANNUAL PHIL COURN THANKSGIVING DINNER, noon to 2 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle School, 75 Pine St., West Springfield. All are welcome for this dinner.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

ANNUAL WINE, CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING coordinated by the Liptak family from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tucker's Restaurant, 625 College Highway, Southwick. Tickets are \$20 each. The event will benefit lung cancer research initiatives of the American Lung Association's Lung Force. Tickets available at www.wccforlungs2015.eventbrite.com and Tucker's Restaurant.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT holiday program and open meeting, 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow. For more information, call Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email firgo9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

NOONTIME CONCERT at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield to feature Larry Picard, organist and pianist. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email lpicard@sococh.org.

Thursday, Dec. 3

A HOLIDAY SHOPPING FAIRE, 6 to 9 p.m., Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills in the cafeteria. Proceeds to benefit the AJHS Washington D.C. Club travelers.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Secrets of Leonardo da Vinci's Virgin of the Rocks Revealed" featuring Andrew Linnell, MSE, University of Michigan, author and lecturer, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Dec. 4

THE CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES will end 2015 with the sounds of the Skid Marks at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. All Applause

Series events are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE SPECTACULAR at Bethany Assembly of God, corner of Route 57 and Main St., Agawam. 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday; same times Dec. 11, 12 and 13. Free admission. Pre-arranged seating for larger groups can be arranged by calling 413-789-2930. Nursery for infants provided for each presentation.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS SUFFIELD, Phelps-Hatheway House and Garden, today, tomorrow and Sunday. For more information, call 860-668-0055 or visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

Saturday, Dec. 5

SILVER TEA at Academy Hall, 1499 Mountain Road, West Suffield, 1 to 4 p.m. Stop in to this free event before the Garden Club House Tour for tea, coffee and goodies. There will be a sale of Christmas items and a raffle, the proceeds of which support maintenance of the hall.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 413-569-6362.

THE KING HOUSE, 232 S. MAIN ST., SUFFIELD will host an exhibit of "Decorative Glass: New or Old, Useful or Simply Art" today from 1 to 6 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available.

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westfield Feed, 288 Union St., Westfield. \$10 for 5x7 photo; \$5 additional for digital file. First come, first-served. Cash or check only. Proceeds assist Open Arms Rescue, Inc. help animals in need.

Sunday, Dec. 6

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam from 1 to 4 p.m. House tours, historic displays, seasonal refreshments. Silhouette artist on site - \$35 per profile; \$10 for duplicate copy. Reservations suggested and are being taken in 10-minute increments. Walk-ins will be accommodated when possible. Call 413-786-9421 for more information or to reserve a sitting.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH SANTA and Mrs. Claus, 8 a.m. to noon, Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice or milk. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, letters may be dropped off, and those in attendance may enter a raffle for a new toy. Free books and a story walk provided by the Agawam Family and Community Program.

BREAKFAST AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA CLAUS at the Southwick Recreation Center, 64 Powder Mill Road, from 8 a.m. to noon. \$8 per adult; \$5 for children under 12. The Southwick Police will also be in attendance to fingerprint children and provide DNA kits at the request of a parent or guardian. Spot vision exams will be performed for free by trained personnel. For more information call Lion Cliff Stone at 413-569-3447.

HOLIDAY CONCERT at St. George Cathedral, 22 St. George Road, Memorial Square, Springfield, 3:30 p.m. Donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Will feature the WSU Wind Symphony and Chorale, St. George Grand Chorale and Progressive Community Baptist Church choir. Tickets available at Baystate Noble Hospital, 115 W. Silver St., gift shop and community development office. Proceeds to benefit Baystate Noble Oncology Department.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 413-593-6046.

Monday, Dec. 7

AUTHORTALK at 7 p.m. at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. to feature Stephen McKelvey discussing his book, "Labor of Love." To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND QUARTER AUCTION in the gymnasium at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee includes two paddles. Wear your "ugliest" Christmas sweater for a chance to win a prize.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

NOONTIME CONCERT at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield to feature the Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir performing holiday music. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email lpicard@sococh.org.

Thursday, Dec. 10

A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE to benefit the Suffield Middle School PTAC, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium, 350 Mountain Road. Over 30 vendors will participate. Open to the public. For more information, contact Susi Keane at pskeane@cox.net.

Friday, Dec. 11

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE at Evangel Assembly, 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham tonight and Saturday, 7 p.m. Free-will offering taken. Proceeds to benefit SHINE, a local charity supporting anti-human trafficking efforts. For more information, call 413-599-1729 or visit www.evangelassembly.org.

Sunday, Dec. 13

FIRST BAPTIST ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL-SING at 4 p.m. at the historical First Baptist Church at Hastings Hill on Hill Street. Attendees will experience an old-fashioned carol sing, complete with hot chocolate and mulled cider, at Hartford County's oldest Baptist church, founded in 1769.

A HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND VENDOR FAIR for Autism Speaks, 1 to 5 p.m., VFW, 63 Veterans Way, Springfield. Food, raffle prizes and pictures with Santa.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

NOONTIME CONCERT at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield to feature violinist Lani Bortfeld and keyboardist Larry Picard performing music for the holidays. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email lpicard@sococh.org.

Saturday, Dec. 19

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Second Baptist Church, 11 N. Main St., Suffield, 3 p.m. A reception of light refreshments in the church's Fellowship Hall follows. Free will offering collected to benefit Suffield Emergency Aid Association Fuel Bank.

Sunday, Dec. 20

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON THE GREEN at 689 Main St., Agawam at 4:30 p.m., hosted by the Agawam Clergy Assoc. Lighting of the Christmas tree, singing of Christmas carols followed by hot chocolate and cookies. In the event of inclement weather, it will take place in the Agawam Congregational Church hall at 745 Main St.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 30: Oriental-style grilled chicken salad - romaine lettuce, mandarin oranges, crunchy noodles and grilled chicken, breadstick, watermelon.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Baked ham, roasted sweet potatoes, peas, pineapple sauce, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Shepherd's pie, garden salad, diced pears.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Chicken stir-fry, stir-fry vegetables, brown rice, pudding.

Friday, Dec. 4: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, peaches.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Nov. 30: Fallon Ins. agent available; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: SHINE representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will host the Holyoke High School Madrigal Singers and Bell Choirs for a holiday concert at 2 p.m. in the Skinner Chapel on Maple St., Holyoke. \$10 donation; \$5, students and seniors. For more information, call 413-532-1483 or visit www.uccholyoke.org.

Friday, Feb. 12

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. the 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC as part of its free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at rosemarysandin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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Wednesday, Dec. 2: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., Friends breakfast meeting; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 (no meeting at center; banquet); 5:30 p.m., no Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., Investment Club meeting; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., pilates; 6:30 p.m., pitch.

Friday, Dec. 4: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., no Zumba Gold; 7 p.m., Agawam Cultural Council's "Skid Marks."

Saturday, Dec. 5: 3 p.m., New Valley Singers concert at the Senior Center (\$7 at the door).

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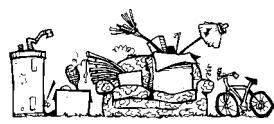
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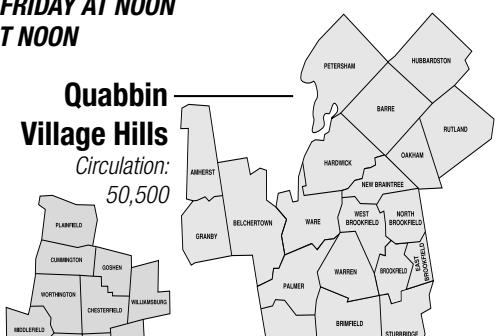
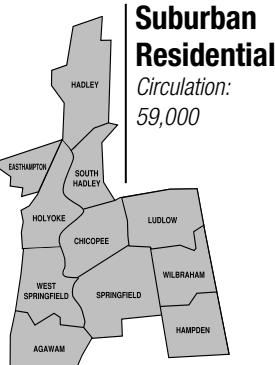
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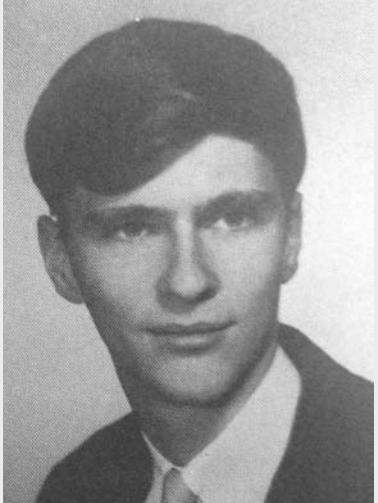


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Last week's photo: There were no correct submissions for Cheryl Birchall.

Rockin' and carolin'



The cast of the Red Door Theatre's annual Christmas Extravaganza rehearses one of the many song-and-dance numbers the 60 members will perform Dec. 4 to 6 and 11 to 12. All tickets must be paid for in advance as many of the dates sell out early. For more information, visit www.reddoortheatre.com or call the box office at 413-789-2026. The theatre is at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills on the hill next to Hope Community Church. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Goodie's celebrates 20 years in Agawam

Mark and Michele Cornelius celebrated 20 years in business at Goodie's, the convenience store at North and Springfield streets in Agawam, last Friday, with a "customer appreciation day" full of raffles and giveaways.

Mark Cornelius said he got into the business after looking for opportunities to get out of a factory job and taking advice from Bill Barry, owner of Pleasant Street Market in Westfield, who was married to Cornelius' cousin. Getting started wasn't easy.

"In the very beginning, we had a lot of giveaways," Cornelius said. "We advertised like crazy. It was a long road for the first year, until we saw the business take off."

He credits the growth of the business to the family atmosphere at Goodie's. Mark and Michele, and their two sons, work in the family business; their daughter formerly did. When hiring new workers, Cornelius said, he looks for someone with the right attitude toward customer service — someone outgoing and friendly.

As tastes have changed over the years, so has Goodie's. Tobacco products were once the store's top draw; now, the deli is. Cornelius said before he bought it, the blue building was formerly two businesses, a bridal consignment shop and a comic book store.

At a short ceremony last Friday, local politicians credited Cornelius for finding the right formula to succeed for two decades.

"Twenty years in business, for any business, is a reason to celebrate," said state Sen. Don Humason. "You wouldn't be successful in the community if you weren't trustworthy, have a good product and a good location."



Michele and Mark Cornelius, second and third from left, celebrate the 20th anniversary of Goodie's on Nov. 20 with, from left, Gina Fusick of United Bank, Mayor Richard Cohen, state Sen. Don Humason, Phil Kleinbohl from state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga's office, Town Planner Marc Strange and Town Clerk Richard Theroux. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Mark and Michele Cornelius stand outside Goodie's with their two sons who work in the store, Joel and Dylan, and their month-old granddaughter Charlotte Cosenzi. Charlotte is the daughter of their daughter Jackie, a paraprofessional in the Westfield public schools.

Former resident honored for nonprofit work

Beverly Orr, financial manager for the Center for Study of Responsive Law, received the 13th annual Phyllis McCarthy Public Interest Award at a reception held Monday, Nov. 16, in Washington, D.C. Orr grew up in Agawam, where her parents, Raymond and Alice Orr, still reside.

Orr has worked for the center for more than 33 years, with the Alliance for Justice for 27 years and with the Due Process of Law Foundation for 17 years, helping to keep the books for both latter organizations. Orr also has helped countless smaller nonprofits and regularly works on a pro bono basis for groups that need help but lack resources.

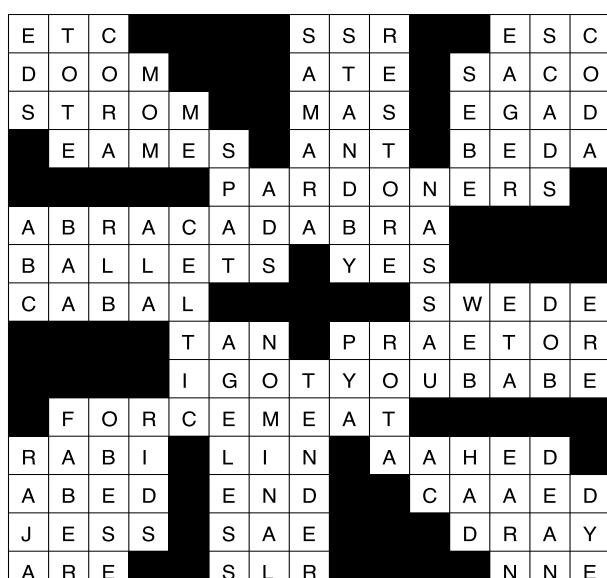
"A financial manager's accomplishments are not as glamorous as getting a bill passed, getting an embargo lifted or an exoneration granted. Nothing a financial manager does will save the world," Orr said. "But we enable the people who can save the world. We give 100 percent so you can give 100 percent."

The Center for Study of Responsive Law was founded by Ralph Nader in 1968 as his principal office. Since then, it has sponsored a wide variety of books, projects and litigation, and has hosted hundreds of conferences focusing on government and corporate accountability. Orr has been involved with the organization since 1982 and has played an integral part in its development.

"For nearly 35 years, Beverly Orr has embodied the criteria for the Phyllis McCarthy Award," said Nader. "She personifies hard work, dedication and good humor."

Public Citizen created the award after Phyllis McCarthy, a 24-year employee of its Health Research Group, died in November 2002. McCarthy worked as a managing editor and office manager, playing a vital part in the development and preparation of publications such as "Worst Pills, Best Pills," reports, medical journal articles and petitions to government agencies. The award is intended to recognize those individuals who have worked long and hard for a public interest group, performing critical functions, as did McCarthy, but who have not received public credit commensurate with their contributions.

This year, the award has special meaning to the recipient: Orr was a friend of Phyllis McCarthy's, as well as a friend of McCarthy's family.



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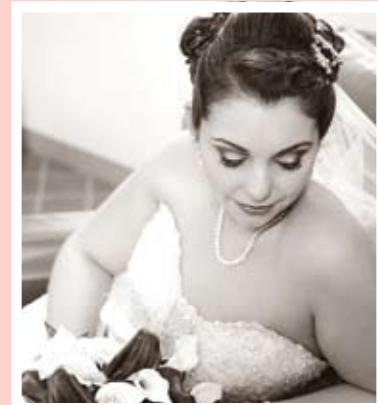
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Garden Club featured at Storrorwton Yule event

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Agawam Garden Club will be one of the participating decorators in the annual Yuletide at Storrorwton to be held next weekend.

This free winter festival will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at Storrorwton Village Museum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. It includes traditional Yuletide activities, entertainment and shopping in the historical village, which is decorated through the generosity of area garden clubs, florists and designers.

Village buildings will be bursting with innovative and original ideas to turn your house into a holiday wonderland. Walk through the buildings to find beautiful wreaths, swags, garlands, fresh evergreens and all natural materials around every corner.

The Master Gardeners of Storrorwton will oversee the festive decorating project and Yuletide coordinator Thelma Greene, of Chicopee, will manage all event decorating. In addition to the Agawam Garden Club, which will decorate the sitting room of the Gilbert Farmstead, other

decorators will include the East Longmeadow, Springfield, West Springfield and Wilbraham garden clubs, the Garden Club of the Westfield Woman's Club, Deena Rollet of Merry Mite Gardens in Suffield, Bloomin' Bunch in Springfield, Anthony Gladu of West Springfield's Rose Petal & Thorn, Eastern States Exposition landscape department, and decorator Pat Byrne of South Hadley. Storrorwton Village volunteers will serve as costumed guides for the event.

The event will also include musical performances in the Meetinghouse, animals, ice sculpting and Early American craft demonstrations.

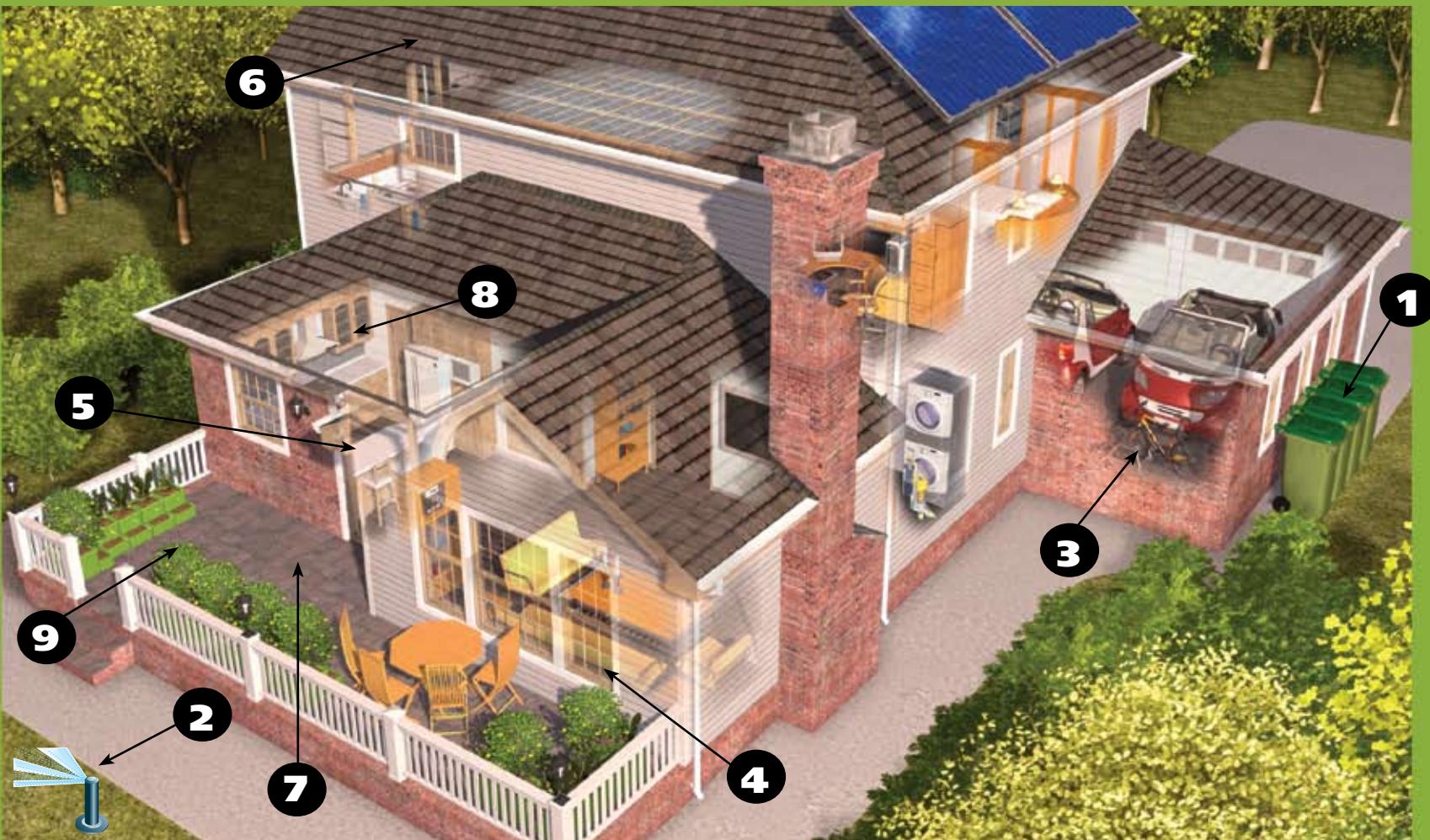
Yuletide week tour admission is \$5 per person, and free for children under 6. Yuletide open house tours will take place Tuesday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Yuletide Lantern Light Tours are offered 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Parking is free for all Storrorwton events. Activities will take place weather permitting. For more information, call the village at 413-205-5051, the information line at 413-205-5115 or visit www.TheBigE.com/Yuletide.



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